



## Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program

Washington State SFI Implementation Committee

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### Washington SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Approved Final Meeting Highlights June 10, 2020

<b>SIC MEETING ATTENDEES—</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>COMPANY</b>
Jenny Knoth	American Tree Farm Association
Rick Hanson	Boise Cascade
Doug Meekins	Campbell Global
Chad Washington	Greenwood Resources
Alan Kycek	Hampton
Chad McElvany	Molpus Timberland Investment
Mike Sly	Murphy Company
Shane?	NorPac
Tom Agens	Packaging Corporation of America
Chris Childers	Pend Oreille
Eric Cohen	Port Blakely
Ryan Reith	Port Townsend Paper
Jeffrey Curless	Rayonier
David Brummer	Stimson Lumber Company
Nicole Jacobsen	Washington DNR
Kathy Troupe	WestRock
Amanda Sandhop	Weyerhaeuser
Lisa/Billy Langley	Pacific?
Chad Mack	?
<b>GUESTS</b>	
Denise Buck	Pacific Education Institute
Dana Bowers	Stevenson Conservation District
Jerry Bonagofsky	Washington Contract Loggers Association
Nadine Block	Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc.
Gordy Mouw	Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc.

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Troupe, WestRock at 9:00 AM. Committee members acknowledged receipt of the pre-meeting materials including the agenda distributed via email from Nicole Jacobsen on June 05 and 08, 2020.

### **1. Anti-trust Reminder**

The group was reminded of the anti-trust agreement and participants were asked to excuse/mute themselves if needed (Attachment 1).

### **2. Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

No Emergency Evacuation Procedure was needed due to moving the meeting to a virtual platform, Skype.

### **3. Inconsistent Practices Update**

Nicole Jacobsen reported that no complaints of inconsistent practices have been filed since the last meeting in February.

### **4. Introductions and Certification Updates from SIC Participants**

Participants introduced themselves. Some participants updated the group on recent certification activities:

- WA DNR – Currently going through audit, documentation prep is key. Nicole is taking on the role for WA DNR representation
- Weyerhaeuser – audits pushed back to August and October, Amanda has new last name
- Molpus Timberland Investment – Currently going through audit
- Hampton – No updates
- NorPac – audits pushed back to August
- Port Blakely – remote audit in May, complete remote surveillance ; field scheduled in August (OR and WA shutdown); NOTE: technical difficulties – get as much of documentation to auditors up front in case have to go to phone calls
- Murphy Company – No updates
- Boise Cascade – Chain of Custody audit done remotely in July
- PCA – No updates
- Rayonier – No updates, systems audit tomorrow, next few months scoping audit for merger between Rayonier and pop
- WestRock – Audit coming up, no other updates
- Greenwood Resource -- audits are on track, phone number 541-760-6902
- Stimson – nothing new, surveillance audit this summer: western fiber sourcing
- Pend Oreille -- surveillance audit June; on own certificate now (managing partner no longer managing partner); office portion remote, field portion later
- Port Townsend Paper – no updates
- Hampton – No updates
- Lisa/Billy Langley – audit out of Burlington in March, remote; LOT of preparation to send to auditor, no findings – OFIs, Major or Minor
- Chad Mack – no update, internal audit scheduled for this summer, NW region

## 5. Approval of the Highlights

Highlights from the February 4, 2020 WA SIC meeting were circulated before the meeting. A motion was made to accept the Draft version of the document. It was seconded and approved. The notes will be posted to the WA SIC website in the near future.

## 6. Updates

### Regional SIC Meeting

SFI hosted SIC regional meetings, also SFI topic specific meetings. To watch these meetings, go to SFIprogram.org, click SFI standard revision process, go to workshops, scroll to different topics, watch each one as a YouTube video.

### Two SFI grants were awarded to WA projects

- Training Yakama Nation Tribal Educators in Project Learning Tree Lessons
  - *Pacific Education Institute*—creating opportunities for youth to combine their culture with the preservation, protection, and enhancement of the environment. (Washington SFI Implementation Committee and SFI-certified partner: Yakama Nation Tribal Forestry)
- Promoting Safe and Environmentally Responsible Tethered Logging
  - *Washington State SFI Implementation Committee*—measuring the impacts of tethered logging on soil health and the implications for prompt reforestation.

### Update from Denise Buck at PEI

The May 17-21 PLT Annual Conference was postponed until further notice. The Washington Forest k-12 framework is now on the PLT.wa.com website with science equivalency.

Received DNR grant for urban trees in Spokane.

Received SFI Community Grant to train natural resource staff in the Yakima Nation and a workshop for educators.

### Exceptional logger nomination

Rick Hanson has updated the form with the new SIC logo and it can be filled out as a PDF. Nicole to put the updated form on the website.

The awards for the 2019 Exceptional Loggers will be metal art, originally the award was intended to be a plaque. Press release to be run through Amanda and Dan at SP.

## 7. Guest Speaker: Gordy Mouw (SFI) and Jerry Bonagofsky (WCLA)

Two pieces of guidance was provided for SFI audits and logger training during COVID restrictions. First one gives allowances for remote audits and extensions if up for renewal audit; second is to give an “out” for logger training. WCLA has postponed logger training until November-December 2020. Questions were asked about the option of a remote 4-day training. Jerry noted that this possibility would not be feasible since many people, from different organizations, do not get the same personal effect of PowerPoint presentations. Kathy Troupe added info from Western Region SIC meeting re: Michigan’s online training; maybe WA WLCA might look at this going forward.

First-aid trainings may have extended expiration dates. L&I position is if they had a current card as of 2/28, they will not make an issue of expiration at this time.

## **8. Guest Speaker: Gordy Mouw (SFI)**

Standard revision process started in October 2019 and is currently about halfway into 60-day comment period which ends 6/30/2020. After this comment period and the final comment period, task group revisions take about a year. The update SFI Standards will be released 1/1/2022. 5 or 10-year standard has not been set.

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Noted that there is a document with track changes that is very informative to the process and changes.

## **9. Guest Speaker: Dana Bowers (Stevenson Conservation District)**

For the past 10 years, kindergarteners would feed fish 4 times a year with the Fish Hatcher's high school student volunteers through the Farms, Fish, and Forestry program. They also hold a forestry contest which has 9 stations of different skills though the program's forestry education section.

Future projects and need/requests:

- Support for Community Grant
- Washington Grown PBS channel features ingredients from Washington and would like to feature timber in a segment
- Regular funding for forestry contest
  - Equipment and tools, \$250 annually
  - Incentives, \$1,000 for prizes

Members have requested a written proposal to see what possible donated funds would be used for. Members would like to support group through SFI grant but need to know how to support the process.

## **10. WA SIC 2020 Budget: Kathy Troupe**

- PLT International Conference sponsorship will be moved to the 2021 budget.
- UW Architecture School has requested the donation of material in lieu of a monetary donation
- Invoices should be resent

Rick Hanson made a motion to have email voting for budgetary items. David Brummer seconded the motion.

## **11. Outreach and Events**

- **Outreach Opportunities**
  - Skamania County will still hold county fair
    - Kathy – if Skamania wants a donation, need a letter; make a motion that if in the next 3 months a fund request comes in, can do an email vote; Rick Hanson made motion and someone second; dates August

- Jenny Knoth to let us know if the Family Forest Field Day is still being held
- **Upcoming Events**
  - SFI E-Summit Growing Solutions October 22, 2020
- **REMINDER:**
  - Landowner pamphlets available

**Meeting Information:**

- Next meeting: **October 21, 2020, 9:00AM–11:30AM**, Online Skype Call

**----- The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM by Kathy Troupe-----**